

Sisters of Loretto Convent  
Florissant, Mo.  
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1592 Arcade Building, St. Louis, Mo.

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"Convent- Sisters of Loretto"

In the year 1776 the French Traders settled in the town of St. Ferdinand, (so called after the King of Castile) now known as Florissant, Missouri.

In the year 1821 this building was erected for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, where they conducted a Convent School for Girls.

Later, in the year 1847, the Sisters of Loretto took possession of the building and it remains as their home to this date.

Information received from the Sisters of Loretto.

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Location: Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

"The convent of the Sisters of Loretto is a two and a half story brick building with dormer windows; a simple one-story portico shelters the main entrance. The convent had its inception in 1818, when, at the request of Bishop Du Bourg, Mother Duchesne and four Sisters of the newly founded Society of the Sacred Heart arrived in St. Louis from France. In 1828 Mother Duchesne reestablished the Convent and school in St. Charles, but she maintained a school in Florissant until 1846. In 1847, at the request of Father van Assche, six Sisters of Loretto, or Friends of Mary at the Foot of the Cross, arrived in Florissant....In 1880, the erected the academy building which they occupied for 39 years. When it was destroyed by fire in 1919, the Sisters transferred their work to Webster Groves, but they still conduct the parish school of St. Ferdinand, which was founded as a separate institution in 1887."

Source of Information

Workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in the State of Missouri, Missouri, A Guide to the "Show Me" State, (New York: Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1941), 341.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.